

Wind and Solar Curtailment May 01, 2018

This report is produced daily to provide a detailed accounting of the wind and solar renewable generation that was curtailed and the reasons why¹. This report should be read in the context of the Renewables Watch report for a more complete understanding of both renewable curtailment and generation².

Wind and solar curtailments are grouped into the following categories:

- 1. Economic Local: Market dispatch of generators with economic bids to mitigate local congestion³.
- 2. Economic System: Market dispatch of generators with economic bids to mitigate system-wide oversupply.
- 3. SelfSchCut Local: Market dispatch of self-schedules to mitigate local congestion.
- 4. SelfSchCut System: Market dispatch of self-schedules to mitigate system-wide oversupply.
- 5. ExDispatch Local: Exceptional dispatch to mitigate local congestion.
- 6. ExDispatch System: Exceptional dispatch to mitigate system-wide oversupply.

Note: Amounts smaller than 1 MW are filtered out for simplicity. Such small curtailments are occasionally observed when forecasts are lower than Pmin when market will de-commit the unit and send the 0 MW dispatch.

¹Only wind and solar resources can be reported in this manner because these resources have a forecast. Curtailment is defined as the difference between actual production and the forecast when actual production is less than the forecast.

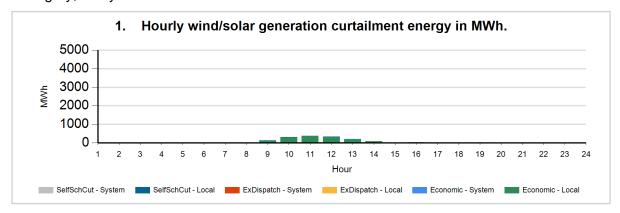
²The Renewables Watch report provides daily actual renewable production within the ISO grid. It is available at: http://www.caiso.com/green/renewableswatch.html.

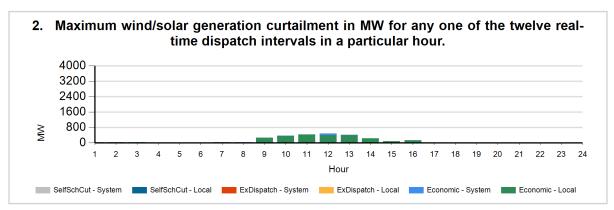
³Congestion occurs when available, least-cost energy cannot be delivered to some loads because transmission facilities do not have sufficient capacity to deliver the energy.

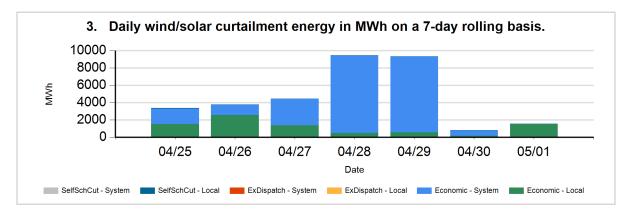
For more information on oversupply conditions, please see: https://www.caiso.com/Documents/FlexibleResourcesHelpRenewables FastFacts.pdf

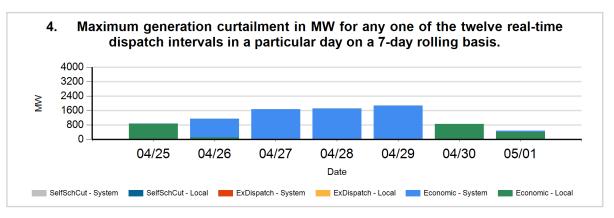


The following charts show the daily and 7-day rolling wind and solar curtailment by category, if any.



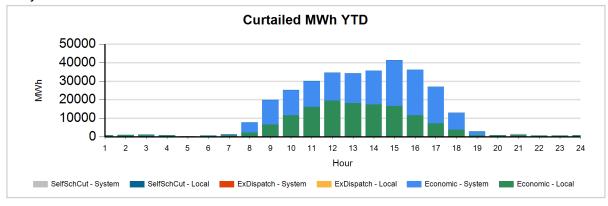




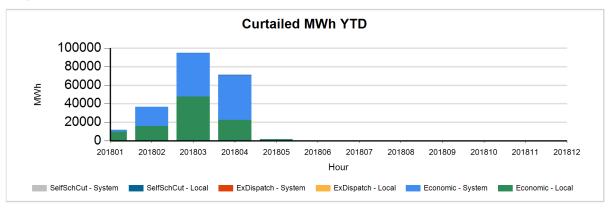




The following charts show hourly year to date wind and solar curtailment by category, if any.



The following charts show monthly year to date wind and solar curtailment by category, if any.



TYPE	YTD CURTAILED MWH
LocalEconomic	140,589
LocalSelfSchCut	1,370
SystemEconomic	175,893
SystemSelfSchCut	493
TOTAL	216,558



Data used to produce hourly chart

DATE	HOU R	CURT TYPE	REASON	FUEL TYPE	CURTAILED MWH	CURTAILED MW
05/01	1	Economic	Local	WIND	10	35
05/01	2	Economic	Local	WIND	6	30
05/01	3	Economic	Local	WIND	12	30
05/01	4	Economic	Local	WIND	4	6
05/01	5	Economic	Local	WIND	8	22
05/01	7	Economic	Local	SOLR	2	27
05/01	8	Economic	System	SOLR	8	33
05/01	9	Economic	Local	SOLR	140	265
05/01	10	Economic	Local	SOLR	301	354
05/01	10	SelfSchCut	Local	SOLR	1	5
05/01	11	Economic	Local	SOLR	372	429
05/01	12	Economic	Local	SOLR	317	405
05/01	12	Economic	System	SOLR	23	73
05/01	13	Economic	Local	SOLR	198	403
05/01	13	Economic	System	SOLR	12	12
05/01	14	Economic	Local	SOLR	92	226
05/01	15	Economic	Local	SOLR	7	73
05/01	16	Economic	Local	SOLR	30	128
05/01	17	Economic	Local	SOLR	2	9
05/01	17	Economic	System	SOLR	3	11
05/01	19	Economic	Local	WIND	1	6

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